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Dear Admiral Raborn:

- (U) As you know, the Federal Aviation Agency is the Government's principal regulatory body with regard to use of the national airspace. Our responsibilities in this area, pursuant to the Federal Aviation Act of 1958, as amended, have a close relationship with the national defense.
- (C) In this regard, the Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security (ICIS) has determined that the potential use of civil aircraft to introduce hostile persons and weapons or weapon components into the United States constitutes a threat to the internal security of the Nation. Also of concern is the possible use of civil aircraft to deliver weapons in support of a military attack upon this country.
- (C) We desire to take all action possible, consistent with our authorities and responsibilities under the Federal Aviation Act, to minimize the clandestine use of civil aircraft. So that we may determine action that we may take to combat the threat, we are asking departments and agencies with investigative or intelligence responsibilities to provide FAA with significant data developed during the normal course of their activities concerning persons who are known or believed to be airmen. The information we are seeking relates to subversive or illegal activities of an individual airman which would indicate that he is or might become engaged in clandestine acts using civil aircraft. For purposes of this program, pilots, aviation mechanics, flight engineers and flight navigators fall in this category.
- (FOUO) Accordingly, it is requested that two copies of your routinely prepared reports involving such matters be forwarded to this Agency, Attention: Director of Compliance and Security, CS-1. We will evaluate the information developed as a result of this

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program and consider procedures for denial or revocation of airmen certificates in the national interest if such action appears appropriate. Progress and actions instituted will be reported to ICIS periodically and, if you desire, copies of these reports will be made available to your agency.

(U) Your cooperation and assistance in this program will be greatly appreciated. If you need any further information or desire to discuss this matter, your representative can call Mr. Richard F. Lally, Director of Compliance and Security, on Code 13, Extension 25191.

Sincerely,

D. D. Thomas

Acting Administrator

Honorable W. F. Raborn Director, Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C. 20505